THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) It is proposed to ratiortaliselamalgamate the Janata Express with 57|58 Kanchan-junga Express and to run the latter as "a daily superfast train between Howrah and Guwahati.

Halisahar Railway Station

2876. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(la) whether it is a fact that on the 2nd January, 1988 the Railway authority assured the O. C. of Bijpur Police Station that t'ney would repair "and widen the roads under their jurisdiction near about the Halisahar Railway station, and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRl MADHAVRAO SCINDIA); (a) Sir.

(b) Repairs to the Station Road will be taken up shortly. Some temporary repairs have been completed. The work of widening the Road from Station Road to the condemned Yard Gate will be considered for inclusion in the Railway's Works Programme 1989-90 subject to availability of funds.

Air India Flight to China

2877. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to operate Air India flight to China;

(b) whether 'any request has been received from the Government of China; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the progress so far made, if any, in the regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA); (a) to (c) The subject of signing of air services 'agreement with China has been discussed. Air India has an interline agreement with Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC).

Connection of NH-2 with NH-6

2878. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY; Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to connect NH-2 with NH-6 so, that Raniganj-Durgapur area could be connected with Kharagpur-Midnapore area via Bankura; and

(b) if so, what are the details wereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT); (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

On-going Railway projects!

2879. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

('a) the details of progress of the ongoing railway projects and new railway lines, section-wise;

(b) when the construction works started; and

(c) by when these projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) A Statement of the on-going new Railway Line Projects not yet fully commissioned is attached. [*See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 100]. The completion dates of projects, wherever not indicated in the statement, will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.